(b) what are the details of the reservation of beds etc. in T.B. hopsitals for beedi workers;

(c) the names of the hospitals in which the beedi workers suffering from T.B. can avail of the facility of bed reservation etc. alongwith the location thereof; and

(d) by when the hospital being set up at Gursahai Ganj under Beedi Workers Welfare Fund is likely to be completed and started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Reimbursement of medical charges of beedi workers having 6 months service with 50 per cent attendance and receiving wages upto Rs. 1600/- per month is made @ Rs. 50/- per month to cover the cost of medicines etc. Subsistence Allowance @ Rs. 200/- per month where the worker has no dependant and Rs. 250/- per month where the number of dependants is more than one, is also paid to worker undergoing domicilliary treatment for T.B.

(b) Under this scheme beds are reserved in hte T.B. Hospitals/Sanatoria upto Rs. 10,000/- per bed per annum limited to the bed occupancy period. Free treatment for 9 months and in exceptional cases where treatment is required, it is given for more than 9 months also to beedi workers and their families, who have 6 months continuous service and getting wages not exceeding Rs. 1600/- per month. Subsistence Allowance is also paid where the worker (i) happens to be the only earning member of the family and (ii) has no other source of income during the period undergoing treatment for T.B. in a Sanatorium as an indoor patient at the rate of Rs. 200/- per month where the worker has no dependant or has one dependant and Rs. 250/- per month where the number of dependants is more than one.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) It is likely to be completed during the current financial year and will start functioning in the early next financial year.

**Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers**

167. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes to ameliorate the conditions of beedi workers in the country;

(b) the salient fetaures of the housing schemes for beedi workers;

(c) the houses constructed so far under the above scheme in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite the progress of the above schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, housing, medical, recreational and educational facilities are given. A list of welfare schemes being implemented to ameliorate the conditions of beedi workers is given in the Statement.

(b) The salient features of the housing schemes in vogue, for beedi workers, is given below :—

(*i*) *Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Sections*:—

Under this scheme, the houses for beedi workers are constructed by the respective State Government or by its authorised agency, An amount Rs. 5,000/- as grants-in-aid plus development charges upto Rs. 1,000/- per tenement are paid to the State Government by the Central Government.

(*ii*) *Build Your Own House Scheme*:—

Under this scheme, an interest free loan of Rs. 6,000/- and subsidy for Rs. 1,000/- is given to a beedi worker. The loan is recoverable in monthly instalments in a period not exceeding 9 years. An additional subsidy of Rs. 1,000/- is also given to a beedi worker who adopt small family norms.

(iii) *Group Housing Scheme* :—

Under this scheme, a registered Co-operative Group Housing Society having at

least 50 beedi workers as members is eligible for benefits. Under this scheme, loan of Rs. 6,000/- and subsidy of Rs. 1,000/- is given to a beedi worker.

(c) Under the above schemes, the following number of houses in Uttar Pradesh have been constructed so far :—

| S. No. | Name of the Scheme | No. of houses constructed |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | BYOHS . . . | 42 |
| 2. | H.S.E.W.S. . | Nil. |
| 3. | Group Housing Scheme | Nil. |

(d) Housing projects under the 'Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Sections' are required to be conceived and implemented by the State Governments. The Group Housing Scheme has come into force only from 1-1-1989 and no proposal under this scheme has been received so far. The Welfare Commissioner, Allahabad have been instructed at regular intervals to liaise with the State Government for expediting the progress of the housing schemes.

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Welfare Schemes being implemented under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund

1. Reservation of beds in TB Hospitals
2. Reimbursement of actual treatment charges to workers suffering from cancer.
3. Scheme to provide facilities for the treatment of beedi workers suffering from mental diseases.
4. Scheme for supply of spectacles to beedi workers (including Gharkhata workers) free of cost.
5. Scheme for treatment of Heart diseases.
6. Scheme for Leprosy relief for beedi workers.
7. Domiciliary treatment of beedi workers suffering from T.B.
8. Group Insurance Scheme for beedi workers through Co-operative Societies.
9. Maternity Benefit Scheme for female beedi workers.
10. Scheme for payment of monetary compensation for sterlization to beedi workers.
11. Build Your Own House Scheme.
12. Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Sections.
13. Group Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers.
14. Grant of financial assistance to Co-operative Societies of beedi workers for construction of work-sheds and godowns.
15. Grant of Scholarships to the children of beedi workers.
16. Financial assistance to school going children for supply of one set of dress.
17. Scheme for establishment of Audio-visual Sets/Cinema Vans/Exhibition of films.
18. Scheme for organising sports, games and cultural activities.
19. Scheme for provision of holiday homes.

**Financial and Medical assistance to Beedi Workers suffering from T.B.**

168. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the requests/representations received from beedi workers suffering from T.B. for financial and medical assistance during the last two years and so far during mthe current year; and

(b) the action taken so far thereon ?